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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. COLLINS of Georgia].

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 19, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable MAC COLLINS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

When we see violence in any form, O God, we cringe and are appalled. And when we see violence against our places of worship, we can despair and lose hope for there is madness about. Yet, O loving and gracious God, You would have all people of good will persevere in peace and be open to the healing and reconciliation that builds community and respect. May Your Spirit, O God, that can accomplish what we cannot, be with those who hurt and may each person speak and work and give in ways that promote justice and peace. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BROWN]

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3029. An act to designate the United States courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse."

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, appoints the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will receive fifteen 1-minutes on each side.

REPUBLICAN HEALTH CARE REFORM BLOCKED IN THE SENATE BECAUSE IT DOES NOT RELY ON GOVERNMENT MANDATES

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, in 1992 the House Republicans, working with President Bush, put together an excellent health care bill designed to address the questions of portability and

affordability for the American people. That bill was not allowed on the floor in 1992 by the then majority Democrat leadership.

As Members know, we have struggled with this question of health care for some time. We have passed through the House a bill that ensures affordability, ensures portability, and offers to 40 million Americans the health care savings account. The people who would take advantage of these are the self-employed and employees of small business, people who would have an opportunity to buy the most rational insurance possible for themselves by their own choosing, get a tax credit for putting money in a savings account with which to deal with the deductible and incidental medical expenses, and an ability to do something for themselves on their own health care.

That bill is under consideration in the other body and is stopped by one Senator and one Senator alone, from Massachusetts, who apparently does not like freedom and would only have the Americans do what they please if it is mandated.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members they should not refer to Members of the other body by name or in an identifiable way.

CONSUMERS UNION WEIGHS IN AGAINST MEDICAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, in fact, we do want to have portable and secure health insurance for people, and we

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